

What is claimed is:

Claim 1. Plate transfer apparatus comprising:

transfer means (26) which has functions in it's normal and opposite rotations for ejecting the used plate (52) outwards and feeding new plate (50) to the plate cylinder (16),

flat sustaining board (30) provided above said transfer means (26) in order to prepare new plate (30), one end of said board (30) is swingably supported and the other end is branched, and

drive means (36) for swinging said sustaining board (30) in order to sink said branched end into transfer path of said transfer means (26).

Claim 2. Plate transfer apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said branched portion of said sustaining board (30) is divided into comb-like shape.

Claim 3. Plate transfer apparatus according to claim 2, wherein stopper (38) for preventing reversion of used plate (52) as well as detecting means (40) for detecting passage of the used plate (52) on said stopper (38) are provided on the way of ejection path of said transfer means (26).